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## VIA U.S. MAIL AND FOIA ONLINE

Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. EPA, Region 1 (OARM01-6)  
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100  
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Relating to New England  
Uniform of West Springfield MA

Dear Region 1 Freedom of Information Officer:

On behalf of Clean Rentals, Inc. of New Bedford, Massachusetts, I am submitting this request under the Freedom of information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Agency") FOIA Regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

Clean Rentals requests copies of all records in the possession of EPA Region 1 and made or received within the past five years relating to New England Uniform's<sup>1</sup> compliance with the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.

For purposes of this request, "records" means information and documents of any kind, including but not limited to documents (handwritten, typed, electronically produced), reports, letters, emails, facsimiles, memoranda, correspondence, notes, databases, drawings, diagrams, maps, graphs, charts, photographs, meeting minutes, summaries of telephone conversations, notes and summaries of interviews, electronic and magnetic recordings of meetings, and any other compilation of data from which information can be obtained. "Records" also includes personal emails, chats, texts or other such messages to the extent that they are "agency records" within the meaning of FOIA.

FOIA requires the Agency to respond to this request within 20 business days. Clean Rentals recognizes that complying with the request will require a review of records and that the Agency may seek to extend the 20-day time limit. To assist in the Agency's timely response to

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<sup>1</sup> New England Uniform, 355 Union St, West Springfield, MA 01089

the request, Clean Rentals suggests that the following items, none of which should require a time-consuming review of records, be made a priority and provided to Clean Rentals as soon as they are available:

- New England Uniform's response to the Agency's February 3, 2017 Section 114 Information Request.<sup>2</sup>
- Any reports, summaries, memoranda or other memorialization of or commentary upon the Agency's fall 2018 inspection of New England Uniform.

This suggestion does not limit the generality of this FOIA request, but it is made with the expectation that it will assist the Agency in meeting Congress' intention that information be made available quickly and it will also allow Clean Rentals to have timely access to information that, as of now, is of the most interest to it.

If the Agency determines that it can disclose only some of the information contained in a record falling within the scope of this request, please provide a copy of the record, redacting only the information that the Agency has determined is exempt.

Clean Rentals requests that, to the extent practicable, the Agency provide the requested information electronically.

I look forward to receiving your response. You may contact me by telephone ((617)-697-4069) or email ([sleonard@croninleonard.com](mailto:sleonard@croninleonard.com)).

Very truly yours,

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<sup>2</sup> That is, the request made by the Agency to New England Uniform pursuant to Clean Air Act Section 114(a), 42 U.S.C. § 7414(a).